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TO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

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FOR CHARGE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAIR, PFOR, ET

SUBJECT: EAL PURCHASE OF BOEING AIRCRAFT

REF: ADDIS ABABA 2940

1. QUESTION OF EXIM INVOLVEMENT IN EAL PURCHASE OF
BOEING AIRCRAFT STILL OPEN. ASST. SECRETARY KATZ
FORWARDED DEPARTMENT'S STRONG ENCOURAGEMENT FOR EXIM
FINANCING IN LETTER OF JUNE 30 TO PRESIDENT JOHN MOORE
(COPY POUCHED). AMBASSADOR CHAPIN AND GARLAND SPENT AN
HOUR WITH MOORE AND HIS STAFF JULY 5 DISCUSSING ETHIOPIAN
SITUATION AND EAL PURCHASE.

2. EXIM HAS THREE CONCERNS: EXPROPRIATION, HUMAN
RIGHTS, AND ETHIOPIA'S ABILITY TO REPAY LOANS. AMBASSADOR
CHAPIN WILL BRIEF YOU ON DETAILS OF CONVERSATION. IT
WOULD APPEAR THAT MOST SERIOUS QUESTION IS ESTABLISHING
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EAL'S AND/OR ETHIOPIA'S ABILITY TO REPAY. EXIM MAY
CABLE, AT OUR SUGGESTION, EMBASSY TO SOLICIT MORE DETAILED
INFORMATION ON ECONOMIC SITUATION. WE POINTED OUT THAT
BANK ITSELF MIGHT BE IN A POSITION TO OBTAIN HITHERTO
UNAVAILABLE INFORMATION AS PART OF ITS DECISION-MAKING
PROCEDURE.

3. EXIM HAS NOT YET RECEIVED BOEING/EAL REQUEST FOR FINANCING. LOCAL BOEING REP REPORTS, HOWEVER, THAT EAL AND BOEING HAVE JULY 11 MEETING WITH EXIM TO REQUEST FINANCING.

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